

Curriculum vitae

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Education

2012-2018

PhD in sociology, University of Bucharest and École des Hautes Études en Sciences Sociales, Paris

2011-2012

Master in sociology and social anthropology, Central European University, Budapest;

2009-2011

Master of research in sociology, University of Bucharest, Department of Sociology and Social Work;

2006-2009

Bachelor in sociology, University of Bucharest, Department of Sociology and Social Work;

September 2008 – February 2009

Erasmus student, Viadrina University, Frankfurt (Oder), Germany.

Interests: sociology and social anthropology; empirical research; post-socialist anthropology; the sociology of work and occupations; deviance and prison studies; ethnography of carceral spaces; gambling; risk, uncertainty and chance; marginal communities; money; morality; ethnography and qualitative research.

Work experience

2015-2017

Research assistant, Center for Research and Innovation in Social Services, (CCISS), University of Bucharest, research project “The Ethnography of the Prisoners’ Transitions.”

2015-2016

Senior researcher – evaluative research for the project “Establishing an ecologic mechanism for prisoners’ social reentry”

2012-2016

Teaching assistant for the courses: Introduction to sociology; Contemporary social theory; Ethnographic Research; Ethnographic text.

2014-2015

Columnist for Titan Poker (www.titanpoker.com) - articles on sociology and poker.

2013

Research assistant in the project: "Study on the communication of structural instruments at a local and regional scale," for the General Secretary of the Government. Qualitative research.

2012

Research assistant in the project "Nexus," Soros Foundation Romania; qualitative research on migration.

2010-2011

Member of the research team in the project "Quality in Higher Education – ACADEMIS", ARACIS (Agency of Quality Assurance in Higher Education). Activities: research design, methodology design, field research on Romanian higher education system.

2010-2011

Member of the research team in the project: "Excellence, innovation and interdisciplinarity in doctoral and postdoctoral studies in sociology – DOCSOC". Activities: research design, methodology design, field research.

Awards

2015

Mobility award, EHESS, Paris.

2013

Mobility award, CEREFREA (*Centre Régional Francophone de Recherches Avancées en Sciences Sociales*).

Publications

Articles and book chapters

Istrate, A. (forthcoming). "Scală și controversă în cadrul jocului de întrajutorare Caritas, 1992-1994" in Mărgărit, D. și Jeler, C., *Seriozitatea jocului*. Iași: Editura Universității din Iași [in English: Scale and controversy in the case of the mutual-aid game Caritas, 1992-1994].

Damsa, D. and Istrate, A. (2017) "The least deserving of us all": Notes on Romanian Prisoners. Newsletter for the European Group for the Study of Deviance and Social Control.

Istrate A., Lățea P., Ilfoveanu, N. (2016). *O amintire făcută bine. Chilia, Grindul Tătaru*. București: Tipar Fabrik. (Photography album)

Durnescu, I., Istrate A., Pitiiu, E., Rotariu, L., Teoroc, C. (2016). "Routes to freedom: Romanian and Roma prisoners finding their way back into the Romanian society" în Armstrong, R. și Durnescu I. (2016) *Parole and Beyond International Experiences of Life After Prison*. Londra: Springer.

Durnescu, I., & Istrate, A. (2016). Prisoner's Transitions: Roma and Romanian Prisoners Finding their Way Back into Society. *Dene mli Serbestlik Daire Başkanlığı*, 68.

Istrate, A.M. 2011. From Pathological to Professional – Gambling Stories. *Journal of Comparative Research in Anthropology and Sociology*, 2(2): 49-67.

Gheorghiu, I., Istrate A., Stanciu V. 2010. "Universitatea centrată pe student. Stiluri de viață ale studenților din generația Y" in Vlăsceanu, L., ed.

Theses

(2018) The Making of a Postsocialist Fact – Caritas and Mutual-Aid Games, 1991-1994. PhD thesis, University of Bucharest and École des Hautes Études en Sciences Sociales, Paris

(2012) *Negotiating Reality through Play – the Case of Romanian Poker Players*. MA thesis, Department of Sociology and Social Anthropology, Central European University, Budapest.

(2011) *From Pathological to Professional – Gambling Stories*. MA thesis, Department of Sociology and Social Work, University of Bucharest.

Conferences

October 2016

“Once upon a time in Chilia or The evaluation of a human ecology project”. ICPA 2016, Correctional Leadership. Engaging Hearts and Minds, București.

September 2016

“How do ex-cons find jobs? Employment strategies and work after prisoner release”. 16th Annual Conference of the European Society of Criminology: Crime and Crime Control. Structures, Developments and Actors. Munster, Germany

April 2016

“Challenges, problems, and solutions three months after release”. SPECTO 2016. Timișoara, Romania.

November 2015

“Scală și controversă în cazul jocului de întrajutorare Caritas, 1992-1995”. Conferința Națională a Societății Sociologilor din România, Colocviu Internațional de Științe Sociale și ale Comunicării ACUM 2015, Brașov.

October 2015

“What happens after release? Post-release trajectories of former Therapeutic Community residents”. Penitenciarul Rahova București, Romania.

September 2015

Projecting the past, accounting for the future – prisoners about their crimes, prison life, and the future. 15th Annual Conference of the European Society of Criminology, Porto, Portugal.

November 2014

“Jocurile tranziție: scheme piramidale, bani și moralitate în România anilor 1990”. Conferință națională “Seriozitatea jocului”, annual conference of the Center for Hermeneutics, Phenomenology and Practical Philosophy, Alexandru Ioan Cuza University, Iași.

March 2011

Social Research Workshop, University of Bucharest, “Rationality and rationalities in gambling research“.

Editorial activity

2010 – 2016 – peer reviewer for *COMPASO – Journal of Comparative Research in Anthropology and Society* and *Forum: Qualitative Social Research*.

2010 – editorial activity for the collective volume Vlăsceanu, Lazăr, ed. 2011. *Sociologie*. Iași: Polirom.

Foreign languages

Foreign languages	Understanding		Speaking		Writing
	Listening	Reading	Spoken interaction	Spoken production	
English	C2	C2	C2	C2	C2
French	C1	C1	B2	B2	B2